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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 1 of the specification, under the title, replace the paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a Continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/323,873 filed 1 June 1999, and now U.S. Patent 6,329,503, which claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application No. 60/087,520, filed June 1, 1998, and U.S. provisional application No. 60/091,183, filed June 30, 1998. The contents of which this application are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary B. Nickol Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0835. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th, 8:30-5:30; alternate Fri., 8:30-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Siew can be reached on 571-272-0787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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